

Appleby Archaeology

Notes of the Committee Meeting of the Appleby Archaeology Group held on Tuesday September 1st 2009 at Northgate Milburn

Present

Richard Stevens	Chairman
Tony Greenwood	Publicity
Mike Godfrey	Treasurer
Liz Hawkins	Membership Secretary
Martin Joyce	Newsletter Editor
Martin Railton	Field Work/Research
Phyllis Rouston	Secretary

Notes of the last meeting

4/06/09 corrected to CBA Directory of Festival of British Archaeology and notices to advertise our event. Martin R to follow up.

7/6/09 should read AOB

With these amendments the notes were agreed a correct record.

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1/09/09 Matters Arising

9/11/08 Papers from Mr Le Crane:-in due course those referring to Brampton Mill will be given to the present owners.

5/06/09 Programmes 2009/10 the summer events were well attended and enjoyed. Reports in Newsletter. The winter programme is finalised and has been circulated to members and the committee by email.

2/09/09 Membership

Liz advised that membership stands at 62.

3/09/09 Treasurer's Report

Mike tabled a statement of accounts for 12th June to 1st September 2009. The current balance is £4546.12.

4/09/09 Brackenber Research Excavations

Martin R updated the committee.

The week had been successful and in spite of poor weather only one afternoon had been lost. A small fragment of pottery which has been identified as Neolithic was among the finds.

Martin is waiting for the results from the environmental samples and his report will be available shortly. Martin has been asked to speak on the excavation to CWAAS in Carlisle. An account, written by Carol Dougherty, appears in the Autumn Newsletter.

Martin suggested that future excavations might be opened to students with volunteers from the group attending. Several of the group, who had booked, had withdrawn at the last minute. It is hard physical work and this may be deterring some members. Proposals for future field work will be discussed after the conference.

TIC Exhibition National Heritage Weekend 12th & 13th September 2009

Martin R, Phyl and Tony will set this up..

4/06/09 Communications

The following have been received

CFLHA Notice of Annual Convention and AGM Saturday 26th September and the Summer Bulletin

CBA North Notice of a conference "Understanding Historic Buildings" 10/10/09 in York
Appleby and Westmorland Society Newsletter. .
Cumbria CVS Newsletters and Annual Report
Autumn Events at the Beacon White Haven.
Notices will be made available to members on 9th September.

5/09/09 Conference 2009 Medieval Life in the Eden Valley

Funding Richard advised that to date no funding had been granted. Three possibilities remain:
the application for £250 from Appleby Town Council who meet shortly,
an application to Neighbourhood Forum for £400,
A grant from Paul Frodsham North Pennines AONB Partnership for £200.
The amounts granted are all dependent on one another.

Programme a number of changes have occurred. Current programme is on the website. Any changes not notified to delegates will be explained at the beginning of the conference.

Conference papers speakers have been asked to prepare papers. Liz advised that those that Harry had prepared and distributed after the last conference were time consuming to assemble and the price charged barely met the cost of production.

It was agreed that Tony would investigate the possibility of a site which would make the papers available electronically and enable paper downloads if required. Martin J to check what they would cost to prepare by Appleby Business Centre.

A list would be available on the day for delegates to indicate if they wished a copy but a realistic price must be included in the information to delegates.

Richard / Martin J will prepare an electronic master in PDF format for our website.

A final check list was agreed

Venue Appleby Grammar School contact Pam Bancroft 01768352412

Phyl to check display boards, urns, tables etc are available and check access for preparation on the evening of Friday 2nd October

Martin J to check audio system required. Phyl to contact Pam Bancroft his week re Martin seeing what equipment is available.

Direction notices to car park, disabled entrance etc are needed

Catering

Liz to finalise arrangements and print lunch tickets. Numbers to Liz w/c 20th Sept Phyl

Advertising

Tony to complete local advertising in press and radio, weekend of 25th 26th preferred if they will go along with it.

Posters ASAP as some can be distributed from meeting on 9th September

Speakers

Richard to contact Hugh Doherty to check whether he requires accommodation and book accommodation for Prof Burton

7/06/09 AOB

1.Enquiries Phyl has received three enquires re field work

Natural England requested advice re earth works near Sandford

Tom Newton Eden Railways sought advice re restoring a signal box at Old Warcop Station.

Both queries had been passed onto Martin R who had contacted both and advised.

A third request from Paul Duck, who will be attending the conference, re computerising readings from a theodolite was deferred but Phyl did suggest that he might be able to speak to Martin at the conference.

2.Increase in Subscriptions

Phyl suggested that subscriptions should be raised. The last rise was in 2004
Mike mentioned that a number of costs were rising eg postage, hire of the hall.
It was agreed, subject to approval at the AGM, that they should be raised to £10 for an individual and £18 for joint membership.
The renewal notice sent out with the winter newsletter will indicate this proposal.

3. Excavations in Boroughgate

Martin R said that NPA would be starting to excavate at the end of the month and that he might be able to give a brief report at the end of the conference . Phyl to write to Vivienne Gate to keep her advised as she had brought this to our attention in the first place and to say that we would invite the Appleby and Westmorland Society to join us when Martin gave a full report next year.

Date and time of next meeting Thursday December 3rd 7.30pm at White House Brampton.
PHR